Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-11, 13-15, 17, 18, 20-25, 27-29, 31, 32, 34-39, 41-43, 45, 46, 48-53, 55, and 56 are pending in the application, with Claims 1, 7, 15, 21, 29, 35, 43, and 49 being independent.

Claims 2, 5, 12, 16, 19, 26, 30, 33, 40, 44, 47, and 54 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 13-15, 17, 18, 20-22, 24, 27-29, 31, 32, 34-36, 38, 41-43, 45, 46, 48-50, 52, 53, 55, and 56 have been amended. No new matter is believed to have been added.

The title of the invention was objected to as being nondescriptive. The title suggested by the Examiner has been adopted. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 15-20, 29-34, and 43-48 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,206,735 ("Gauronski"). Claims 7, 9-14, 21, 23-28, 35, 37-42, 49, and 51-56 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,130,757 ("Yoshida"). Claims 8, 22, 36, and 50 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Yoshida in view of Gauronski. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 1, as amended, recites in part that detection means receives, from a printer, information indicating that interrupt printing of an instructed print job has failed and information indicating the owner of the print job, and determines whether the owner of the

print job is identical to the user of an information processor, and that notification means causes a display unit to display that the instructed print job has not been interrupt printed, if the detection means determines that the owner of the print job is identical to the user of the information processor. Independent Claims 15, 29, and 43 each recite, in part, corresponding features.

Independent Claim 7, as amended, recites in part that decision means decides whether an interrupt-instructed print job from one information processor is to be interrupt printed, based on a determination whether interrupt printing is currently being executed, and that transfer means transfers, to the information processor, information indicating that the interrupt printing of the received print job has failed and information indicating the owner of the print job, if the print job is not to be interrupt printed. The information processor causes a display unit to display that the print job has not been interrupt printed, if the owner of the print job is identical to the user of the information processor. Independent Claims 21, 35, and 49 each recite, in part, corresponding features.

Gauronski discloses inhibiting multiple interrupt printing jobs, and sending to the operator a message that interrupt printing has failed. When the parameters of an interrupt job require a function that cannot currently be performed, for example, when a particular type of paper needed for a job is not loaded in the paper tray, a message is displayed that the system is not ready. Yoshida discloses changing the order of executing print jobs in accordance with priorities assigned to the respective print jobs.

Applicant submits that neither Gauronski nor Yoshida (taken alone or in combination) teaches or suggests the claimed detection means (step), which receives, from a printer, information indicating that interrupt printing of an instructed print job has failed and

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information indicating the owner of a print job, and determines whether the owner of the print job is identical to the user of an information processor. Nor do the references teach or suggest the claimed notification means, which causes a display unit to display that the instructed print job has not been interrupt printed, if the owner of the print job is identical to the user of the information processor.

Further, Applicant submits that neither Gauronski nor Yoshida (taken alone or in combination) teaches or suggests the claimed decision means (step), which decides whether an interrupt-instructed print job from one of a plurality of information processors is to be interrupt printed, based on a determination whether interrupt printing is currently being executed, nor do the references teach or suggest the claimed transfer means, which transfers, to the information processor, information indicating that the interrupt printing of the received print job has failed and information indicating the owner of the print job, if the print job is not to be interrupt printed.
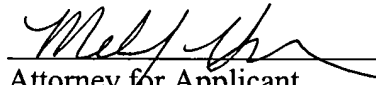
Accordingly, the independent claims are submitted to be patentable over the cited art. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the §§ 102-103 rejections are respectfully requested.

The dependent claims recite additional features that further distinguish the present invention from the cited art. Individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and passage to issue at the Examiner's early convenience are respectfully requested.

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